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FOLLOWING IS FROM THE AMBASSADOR IN ALEXANDRIA:

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS R.)

SUBJECT: CONFIRMING REPORTS ON COMMUNICATIONS ARRANGEMENTS

HEREWITH CONFIRMING REPORTS ON COMMUNICATIONS ARRANGEMENTS
AS FOLLOWS:

1. FREQUENCIES. THE FREQUENCIES REQUESTED IN STATE 164334
ARE APPROVED FOR USE.

2. ALEXANDRIA-WASHINGTON CIRCUIT. THE CIRCUIT REQUESTED
IN STATE 170162 IS REPORTED BY PTT AS READY FOR TESTING.

3. PRIORITY OVERRIDE. THIS CAPABILITY REQUESTED IN STATE
161547 HAS BEEN DISCUSSED AT LENGTH WITH PTT OFFICIALS, WHO
ASSURE US THAT PRIORITY PREEMPTION WILL BE PROVIDED FOR
THROUGH THE MEANS OF SPECIAL OPERATORS AT THE EGYPTIAN
RADIO FACILITY IN ALEXANDRIA OR CAIRO. COMMENT: THIS WAS
AN EXTREMELY DIFFICULT MATTER TO EXPLAIN TO THE
COMMUNICATIONS ENGINEERS IN THE PTT. THEY REACTED
PREDICTABLY IN ENDEAVORING TO PROVIDE THIS CAPACITY
THROUGH TWO DEDICATED CIRCUITS TO WASHINGTON. WE
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REPEATEDLY EMPHASIZED THAT WE WERE NOT AUTHORIZED TO
CONTRACT FOR DEDICATED TELEPHONE CIRCUITS, AND THEY
ULTIMATELY SEEMED TO UNDERSTAND THAT AN OPERATOR
CONTROLLING A NORMAL COMMERCIAL TELEPHONE CIRCUIT COULD
PREEMPT. THE FACT THAT THEY ARE GOING TO CONNECT TWO
LINES TO RADIO ALEX AND ASSIGN A SPECIAL OPERATOR
SUPPORTS THE THESIS THAT THEY DO UNDERSTAND AND WILL

PROVIDE OVERRIDE.

(3) TELEPHONE LINES FOR TTS. IN TWO CONFERENCES TODAY, PTT AGREED TO INSTALL A 20-PAIR CABLE TO THE SIXTH FLOOR OF THE PALESTINE HOTEL. WE PROVIDED HOTEL FLOOR PLAN ANNOTATED TO SHOW THE NUMBER OF LINES SPECIFIED TO BE INSTALLED IN EACH OF THE LOCATIONS IN STATE 161547. THE CABLING WILL BE INSTALLED TOMORROW, AND THE INSTALLATION WILL BEGIN ON SATURDAY MORNING BY THE DEPARTMENT'S TELEPHONE TECH, WHO WILL BE ASSISTED BY A TELEPHONE TECH FROM THE PTT. WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE ANY SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS BUT FORSEE SOME TIME BEING CONSUMED IN THE INSTALLATION. WHEN ALL IS READY AND WORKING, WE WILL CONFIRM.

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